

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

**STATE OF IDAHO**

In the Matter of the License of: )  
 ) Case No. SWO-2006-8  
DALE R. BREKKE, )  
License No. LSW-1479, ) **STIPULATION AND CONSENT**  
 ) **ORDER**  
Respondent. )  
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WHEREAS, information having been received by the Idaho State Board of Social Work Examiners (hereinafter the "Board") which constitutes sufficient grounds for the initiation of an administrative action against Dale R. Brekke (hereinafter "Respondent"); and

WHEREAS, the parties mutually agree to settle the matter pending administrative Board action in an expeditious manner; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

**A.**

1. The Board may regulate the practice of social work in the State of Idaho in accordance with title 54, chapter 32, Idaho Code.

2. Respondent Dale R. Brekke is a licensee of the Idaho State Board of Social Work Examiners and holds License No. LSW-1479 to practice social work in the State of Idaho. Respondent's license is subject to the provisions of title 54, chapter 32, Idaho Code.

3. Beginning approximately October 21, 2003, Respondent was employed as a psychosocial rehabilitation specialist with Powder Basin Associates in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

4. On February 17, 2006, three Powder Basin Associates clients notified the owner of Powder Basin Associate that Respondent had borrowed money from them on

several occasions. Statement provided by the clients showed that:

a. Respondent borrowed at least \$600 from client EN over the course of 15 months, paying back all but \$150.

b. Respondent borrowed \$20 from client DC.

c. Respondent borrowed \$10 from client SA and \$20 four times.

5. Respondent's employment with Powder Basin Associates was terminated on February 21, 2006, and Powder Basin Associates repaid clients EN, DC and SA the amounts borrowed by Respondent, in a total amount of \$250.00.

6. The above-stated allegations, if proven, would constitute a violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of social work, specifically Idaho Code § 54-3211(6) and Board Rules (IDAPA 24.14.01, *et seq.*) 450.01.g, 450.01.h and 450.02.b. Violations of these laws and rules would further constitute grounds for disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice social work in the State of Idaho.

7. Respondent, in lieu of proceeding with a formal disciplinary action to adjudicate the allegations as set forth above, hereby admits the violations and agrees to the discipline against his license as set forth in Section C below.

## **B.**

I, Dale R. Brekke, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

1. I have read and admit the allegations pending before the Board, as stated above in section A. I further understand that these allegations constitute cause for disciplinary action upon my license to practice social work in the State of Idaho.

2. I understand that I have the right to a full and complete hearing; the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses; the right to present evidence or to call witnesses, or to so testify myself; the right to reconsideration; the right to appeal; and all rights accorded by the Administrative Procedure Act of the State of Idaho and the laws and rules governing the practice of social work in the State of Idaho. I hereby freely and voluntarily waive these rights in order to enter into this stipulation as a resolution of the

pending allegations.

3. I understand that in signing this consent order I am enabling the Board to impose disciplinary action upon my license without further process.

**C.**

Based upon the foregoing stipulation, it is agreed that the Board may issue a decision and order upon this stipulation whereby:

1. Respondent shall pay restitution to Powder Basin Associates in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$250.00) within ninety (90) days of the entry of the Board's Order.

2. Respondent shall pay investigative costs and attorney fees in the amount of Five Hundred Forty and No/100 Dollars (\$540.00) within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Board's Order.

3. Respondent agrees to voluntarily surrender License No. LSW-1479, including any renewal rights, for a period of five (5) years from the date of entry of the Board's Order. At such time as Respondent may wish to reapply for licensure in the future following the five (5) year surrender period, Respondent shall apply as a new applicant and provide to the Board written proof of compliance with the terms set forth in this Stipulation.

4. The violation of any of the terms of this Stipulation by Respondent will warrant further Board action. The Board therefore retains jurisdiction over this proceeding until all matters are finally resolved as set forth in this Stipulation.

**D.**

1. It is hereby agreed between the parties that this Stipulation shall be presented to the Board with a recommendation for approval from the Deputy Attorney General responsible for prosecution before the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

2. Respondent understands that the Board is free to accept, modify with Respondent's approval, or reject this Stipulation, and if rejected by the Board, a formal complaint may be filed against Respondent. Respondent hereby agrees to waive any right Respondent may have to challenge the impartiality of the Board to hear the disciplinary complaint if, after review by the Board, this Stipulation is rejected.

3. If the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, it shall be regarded as null and void. Admissions by Respondent in the Stipulation will not be regarded as evidence against Respondent at the subsequent disciplinary hearing.

4. The Consent Order shall not become effective until it has been approved by a majority of the Board and endorsed by a representative member of the Board.

5. Any failure on the part of Respondent to timely and completely comply with any term or condition herein shall be deemed a default.

6. Any default of this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be considered a violation of Idaho Code § 54-3211. If Respondent violates or fails to comply with this Stipulation and Consent Order, the Board may impose additional discipline pursuant to the following procedure:

a. The Chief of the Bureau of Occupational Licenses shall schedule a hearing before the Board. Within twenty-one (21) days after the notice of hearing and charges is served, Respondent shall submit a response to the allegations. If Respondent does not submit a timely response to the Board, the allegations will be deemed admitted.

b. At the hearing before the Board upon default, the Board and Respondent may submit affidavits made on personal knowledge and argument based upon the record in support of their positions. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the evidentiary record before the Board shall be limited to such affidavits and this Stipulation and Consent Order. Respondent waives a hearing before the Board on the facts and substantive matters related to the violations described in Section A, and waives discovery, cross-examination of adverse witnesses, and other procedures governing administrative

hearings or civil trials.

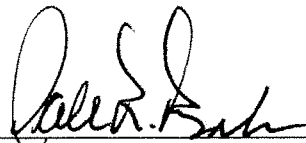
c. At the hearing, the Board will determine whether to impose additional disciplinary action, which may include conditions or limitations upon Respondent's practice or suspension or revocation of Respondent's license.

7. This Stipulation and Consent Order is the resolution of a contested case and is a public record.

8. This Stipulation and Consent Order contains the entire agreement between the parties, and Respondent is not relying on any other agreement or representation of any kind, verbal or otherwise.

I have read the above stipulation fully and have had the opportunity to discuss it with legal counsel. I understand that by its terms I will be waiving certain rights accorded me under Idaho law. I understand that the Board may either approve this stipulation as proposed, approve it subject to specified changes, or reject it. I understand that, if approved as proposed, the Board will issue an Order on this stipulation according to the aforementioned terms, and I hereby agree to the above stipulation for settlement. I understand that if the Board approves this stipulation subject to changes, and the changes are acceptable to me, the stipulation will take effect and an order modifying the terms of the stipulation will be issued. If the changes are unacceptable to me or the Board rejects this stipulation, it will be of no effect.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, ~~2006~~ <sup>2007</sup>.



Dale R. Brekke  
Respondent

I concur in this stipulation and order.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

STATE OF IDAHO  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

By Emily A. Mac Master  
Emily A. Mac Master  
Deputy Attorney General

**ORDER**

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 54-3204, the foregoing is adopted as the decision of the Board of Social Work Examiners in this matter and shall be effective on the 2nd day of April, 2007. **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF  
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

By Robert Payne  
Robert Payne, Chair

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

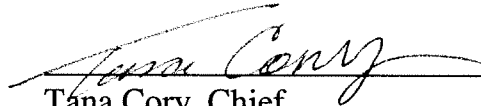
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2007, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

Dale R. Brekke  
9747 Eileen Court  
Hayden, ID 83860

- ☒ U.S. Mail
- ☐ Hand Delivery
- ☒ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
- ☐ Overnight Mail
- ☐ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Statehouse Mail

Emily A. Mac Master  
Deputy Attorney General  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0010

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Tana Cory, Chief  
Bureau of Occupational Licenses